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(Vice-President)

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In the absence of Mr. Somavía (Chile), Mr. Byung Yong Soh (Republic of Korea), Vice President, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 11.10 a.m.

ELECTION OF THE BUREAU (continued)

The PRESIDENT said that it had been agreed, in accordance with the established practice of rotation in the distribution of functions among the Vice-Presidents of the Council, that Mr. Huslid (Norway) would chair the First (Economic) Committee, that Mr. Byung Yong Soh (Republic of Korea) would chair the Second (Social) Committee, and that Mr. Kouyate (Guinea) and Mr. Slipchenko (Ukraine) would coordinate informal consultations and perform other tasks as required by the Council.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (continued) (E/1993/2 and Add.1 and E/1993/8)

The PRESIDENT said that, with the exception of the draft proposal contained in document E/1993/L.10/Rev.1, relating to the International Conference on Population and Development, none of the draft proposals before the Council had programme budget implications.

At the request of the Economic Commission for Africa, he wished to suggest that Council should adopt the following draft decision:

"The Economic and Social Council, having been advised by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa that the Government of Gabon, by a note verbale No. 000055 dated 3 February 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Gabon accredited to the Commission, has extended an invitation to the Commission to hold its next session in Libreville, decides that the twenty-eighth session of the Economic Commission for Africa and the nineteenth meeting of the Conference of Ministers of the Commission shall be held in Libreville from 19 to 22 April 1993."

It was so decided.

BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COUNCIL (E/1993/1 and Add.1 and E/1993/7; E/1993/L.9 and Add.1, L.12-14, L.16-18)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider a number of draft proposals regarding its basic programme of work, beginning with draft decisions I-VII, contained in document E/1993/L.9.

Draft decision I: High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1993

The PRESIDENT said that, following informal consultations, draft decision I contained in document E/1993/L.9 had been replaced by draft decision E/1993/L.12.

Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Council) said that the phrase "attaining their objectives" in paragraph 2 of the new draft decision should read "attaining the objectives".

Draft decision E/1993/L.12 was adopted.

Draft decision II: Coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 1993

The PRESIDENT said that, following informal consultations, draft decision II contained in document E/1993/L.9 had been replaced by draft decision E/1993/L.13, the first line of which had been revised to read:

"The Economic and Social Council, reaffirming the provisions of section III, paragraphs (a) to (e) of its decision 1992/217, decides".

Draft decision E/1993/L.13, as orally revised, was adopted.

The PRESIDENT said it was his understanding that the Council was requesting the Commission on Science and Technology for Development to examine the issue of coordination of activities of the United Nations system in the field of science and technology, and, should the Commission take a decision on the matter, to submit a report thereon to the Economic and Social Council for consideration at its 1994 organizational session.

Draft decision III: Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 1993 (28 June-30 July 1993)

The PRESIDENT said that, on the basis of consultations, he wished to suggest that item 2 of the proposed provisional agenda of the high-level segment of 1993 should read:

"2. World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development".

He further suggested that item 2 of the provisional agenda proposed for the other segments should read:

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"2. Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes:

"(a) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

"(b) Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventative action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera".

Consequential adjustments would be required in the portion of draft decision dealing with the allocation of items if those revisions were adopted.

Draft decision III, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft decision IV: Establishment of the Commission on Sustainable Development

The PRESIDENT drew attention to document E/1993/L.9/Add.1, containing an additional subparagraph for incorporation into the draft decision.

Draft decision IV, as revised, was adopted.

Draft decision V: Consideration of reports of intergovernmental bodies

Draft decision V, section A, was adopted.

The PRESIDENT said that, on the basis of the informal consultations held, the following phrase should be added to the beginning of section B:

"Subject to the outcome of discussions to be held at the resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/150,".

Draft decision V, section B, as orally revised, was adopted.

Draft decision V, section C, was adopted.

Draft decision VI: World Decade for Cultural Development

Draft decision VI was adopted.

Draft decision VII: Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 1994

Draft decision VII was adopted.

Draft decision E/1993/L.14: United Nations common system

Draft decision E/1993/L.14 was adopted.

Draft decision E/1993/L.16: Multisectoral collaboration on tobacco or health

Draft decision E/1993/L.16 was adopted.

Draft decision E/1993/L.17: Interregional cooperation

Ms. FENG Cui (China) proposed that the draft decision should be amended to read:

"The Economic and Social Council requests the regional commissions, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 47/191, to examine at their forthcoming sessions the relevant provisions of chapter 38 of Agenda 21 and submit reports with their conclusions related to such a review and their plans to implement Agenda 21 to the Economic and Social Council. Such reports should also be made available to the Commission on Sustainable Development for its consideration in 1993 or, at the latest, in 1994."

Draft decision E/1993/L.17, as orally amended, was adopted.

Draft decision E/1993/L.18: Review of the arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations

Draft decision E/1993/L.18 was adopted.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND ITS PREPARATORY PROCESS (E/1993/L.10/Rev.1)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council to consider the proposal contained in document E/1993/L.10/Rev.1, which had been submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

Ms. KELLEY (Secretary of the Council) recalled that the programme budget implications of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference had been submitted to the Council at its second regular session of 1991 in document E/1991/47/Add.1 and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session in document A/C.5/46/34. No additional requirements for the second session of the Preparatory Committee had been envisaged at that time, on the understanding that the requirements for the session would be met from the resources allocated for the twenty-seventh session of the Population Commission.

Should the Council decide to modify the proposed timing and duration of the second session of the Preparatory Committee, additional meetings servicing

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requirements, estimated on a full-cost basis at $33,300, would be necessary. That estimate was based on the assumption that no part of the conference-servicing requirements would be met from within the permanent conference-servicing capacity provided for under the relevant section of the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993, and that additional resources would be required for temporary assistance. The extent to which the Organization's permanent capacity would need to be supplemented by temporary assistance could be determined only in the light of the calendar of conferences and meetings for 1992-1993. In accordance with established practice, provisions had been made in the current programme budget not only for meetings known at the time of its preparation, but for meetings or extensions that might be authorized subsequently, based on the pattern of the previous five years. On that basis, it was estimated that no additional resources would be required from the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 as a result of the adoption of the resolution by the Council.

As for the requirements for the third session of the Preparatory Committee and the requirements for the twenty-seventh session of the Population Commission, if the latter was postponed to 1994, those requirements would be considered in the context of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 within the overall level of resources indicated in General Assembly resolution 47/213.

Draft decision E/1993/L.10/Rev.1 was adopted.

Mr. SORENSON (Denmark), speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, welcomed the consensus reached on the draft decision, which brought forward the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the International Conference on Population and Development and spelt out the modalities for the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Conference and its preparatory process. All relevant and competent local, national and international non-governmental organizations should have a role in the process.

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS TO FOLLOW UP THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (E/1993/L.11 and L.15)

Draft decision E/1993/L.11: Procedural arrangements for the Commission on Sustainable Development

The PRESIDENT said that draft decision E/1993/L.11 had no programme budget implications.

Draft decision E/1993/L.11 was adopted.

The PRESIDENT said that, in the light of the adoption of the draft decision, it was his understanding that appropriate procedural arrangements must be made to approve the inclusion of non-governmental organizations on the roster prior to the substantive session of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Draft decision E/1993/L.15: High-level advisory board on sustainable development

The PRESIDENT said that draft decision E/1993/L.15 had no programme budget implications.

Draft decision E/1993/L.15 was adopted.

The PRESIDENT said that, in the light of the adoption of draft decision E/1993/L.11, the rules of procedure of the functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council would have to be amended and the arrangements for the participation of the European Economic Community and other regional or subregional economic integration organizations in the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development would have to be spelt out.

Following a procedural discussion in which Mr. ARELLANO (Mexico), Mr. FRIIS (Denmark), Mr. MARKS (United States of America), Mr. MONGBE (Benin), Mr. BAHADIAN (Brazil) and Mr. SETH (India) took part, the PRESIDENT suggested that the meeting should be suspended for informal consultations on the matter.

The meeting was suspended at 12.35 p.m. and resumed at 1.10 p.m.

The PRESIDENT announced that in the course of the informal consultations it had been determined that the Council would need more time to consider the matters to which he had referred. He therefore intended to defer consideration of those questions until the Secretariat could make the relevant proposals available in written form.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL AND CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS (E/1993/2 and Add.1 and E/1993/3)

The PRESIDENT invited Council members to hold elections, postponed from previous sessions, to subsidiary bodies of the Council.

Commission on Human Settlements (E/1993/2)

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had been informed by the Chairman of the Group of African States that the candidatures of Lesotho and Madagascar had been endorsed for the two vacancies to be filled by that Group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996. Since the number of candidates corresponded to the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Lesotho and Madagascar by acclamation.

It was so decided.

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had also been informed that Azerbaijan had presented its candidature for the remaining vacancy from the Group of Eastern European States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996. In the absence of other candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Azerbaijan by acclamation.

It was so decided.

Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1993/2)

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had been informed by the Chairman of the Group of Asian States that the candidature of Malaysia had been endorsed for one of the two vacancies to be filled by that Group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995. In the absence of other candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Malaysia by acclamation.

It was so decided.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/1993/2)

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had been informed by the Chairman of the Group of Asian States that the candidature of Lebanon had been endorsed for the vacancy to be filled by that Group for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993. In the absence of

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other candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Lebanon by acclamation.

It was so decided.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development (E/1993/2)

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had been informed by the Chairman of the Group of Asian States that the candidatures of Malaysia and Viet Nam had been endorsed for the two vacancies to be filled by that Group for a term beginning on the date of election. In the absence of other candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Malaysia and Viet Nam by acclamation.

It was so decided.

THE PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had also been informed by the Chairman of the Group of Eastern European States that Azerbaijan had been endorsed to fill the remaining vacancy from that Group for a term beginning on the date of election. In the absence of other candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Azerbaijan by acclamation.

It was so decided.

Mrs. MAIKARFI (Niger) said that the Group of African States had endorsed Burundi, the Niger, Togo and the United Republic of Tanzania to fill four of its eight vacancies.

The PRESIDENT said that since the number of candidates endorsed by the Group of African States was fewer than the number of vacancies, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Burundi, the Niger, Togo and the United Republic of Tanzania by acclamation.

It was so decided.

Committee on Natural Resources (E/1993/2 and E/1993/17 and Add.1)

The PRESIDENT said that the Secretariat had received the names of nine additional experts, nominated by their Governments, to fill vacancies remaining from the Group of African States, the Group of Asian States and the Group of Eastern European States. The Council was also called upon to elect replacements for two candidates from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States who were unable to take up their functions. Since the number of candidates was less than or equal to the number of vacancies, he would take it

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that the Council wished to elect Mr. bin Sheik Ali (Malaysia), Mr. Cano (Argentina), Mr. Hoffmann (Poland), Mr. Khan (Pakistan), Mr. Leshange (United Republic of Tanzania), Mr. Maselino (Zambia), Mr. Mpofu (Zimbabwe), Mr. Mwongera (Kenya), Mr. Otchoun (Benin), Mr. Soares de Assis (Brazil) and Mr. Suryanarayanan (India) by acclamation.

It was so decided.

World Food Council (E/1993/2)

The PRESIDENT said that the Economic and Social Council was called upon to nominate one member of the World Food Council for election by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session. The Secretariat had been informed by the Chairman of the Group of Asian States that India had been endorsed to fill the vacancy for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995. In the absence of other candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to nominate India by acclamation.

It was so decided

The PRESIDENT said that elections to fill any remaining vacancies on subsidiary bodies of the Council would be postponed to the resumed organizational session scheduled for April 1993.

Confirmations (E/1993/3)

The PRESIDENT drew attention to document E/1993/3, containing the names of the representatives of the functional commissions which had been submitted for confirmation by the Council since the close of the organizational session for 1992. If he heard no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to confirm those nominations.

It was so decided.

The meeting rose at 1.25 p.m.